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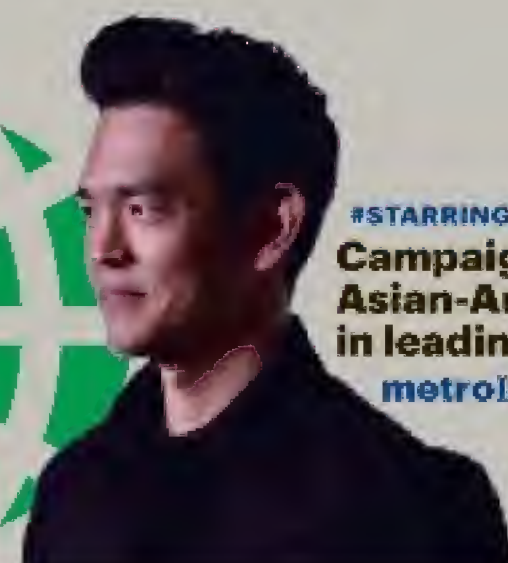
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ARREST

Vader faces four new charges

Travis Vader is facing four new charges after he was arrested in West Edmonton Tuesday evening around 8 p.m.

Edmonton police have charged Vader, who is on trial for murder, with break-and-enter and commit theft, possession of stolen property under \$5,000, breach of a probation order and breach of a recognizance.

The RCMP, who previously confirmed Vader's arrest, had called in EPS for help.

An employee at Sentag Trailer Manufacturing in the city's west end confirmed Thursday that he had been told that Vader made an attempt to steal copper wire from the property when no one was on site.

A judge reviewed Vader's bail conditions in April after he showed up late to court four times, citing car troubles and difficulty waking up on time.

Vader, 44, is currently on trial for first-degree murder in the 2010 deaths of St. Albert residents Lyle and Marie McCann, who were great-grandparents in their late 70s.

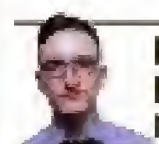
The two went missing after leaving on a camping trip and were last seen fuelling up their motorhome before heading off to British Columbia.

The motorhome was found burning in bushes west of Edmonton two days later, and the SUV they were towing was later found hidden in trees on a nearby rural property. Their bodies have not been found. METRO

Advice from a night mayor

ECONOMY

Amsterdam official helped transform city's nightlife



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

When the lights go out at city hall, who takes charge of the city?

In Amsterdam, Night Mayor Mirik Milan heads an independent foundation that oversees the

development of nightlife and bridges gaps between the needs of the municipality, small business owners and city residents.

Milan, visiting Edmonton this week, said conversations that governments have around nightlife too often focus on the downside, and cities have an obligation to develop talent and nurture their late-night economies.

"In my opinion, nightlife is a place where a lot of talent gets developed for the creative industry," he said, listing photographers, musicians, filmmakers and fashion designers as those he's talking about.



Nightlife is a place where a lot of talent gets developed for the creative industry. Mirik Milan

"The creative industry is a kickstarter and an accelerator for urban development, and this is why the municipalities should take good care of the nightlife and also be aware that municipal legislation has a huge influence on the creation of creative jobs."

Milan made his first trip to Canada this week for Edmonton's International Responsible Hospitality Conference.

One of his successes in Amster-

dam has been securing 24-hour licences for 10 bars and clubs. He says the move reduced pressure on police and neighbourhoods by staggering exit times, while the clubs have gained international recognition.

The venues also appeal to neighbourhood residents by having their space occupied by community groups, yoga classes, restaurants and Sunday markets in their off hours.

Chris Round, president of Edmonton's Late Night Hospitality Association, said having a liaison between city officials, the AGLC and the late-night industry could benefit all parties. He said a lack of communication between industry representatives and legislators has caused well-meaning initiatives to fail in the past.

"To have some representatives from the night time take part in the daytime decision making, I think, would be a huge factor for the city, just for everybody," he said.

"I just think it would be a lot more fluid."



Some in Edmonton feel those advocating for the nighttime economy need to be part of the daytime decision-making process. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO



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ARSON

Police charge youths in connection to fires

Several wildfires in Edmonton over the weekend that rattled residents who'd been watching the devastation in Fort McMurray, have now led to police laying charges against two youth.

The pair face two arson-related charges a piece, according to police, for two of the grass fires over the past weekend that are alleged to have been deliberately set in the city's southwest.

Police said they received witness reports from one of the fires about "three male suspects on bicycles," according to a statement.

"Upon arrival, officers located and arrested two youths on scene. A third suspect turned himself into police later Wednesday evening."

While the fire was successfully extinguished, police said the situation in Fort McMurray

has them being extra vigilant.

"We've all just witnessed the incredible devastation and threat to life that a fire can cause given the extremely dry conditions out there right now," said Insp. Erik Johnson. "Surely, no one should need to be reminded, after seeing those frightening images from Fort McMurray last week.



We've all just witnessed the incredible devastation.

Erik Johnson

"I want to be clear. Anyone caught endangering the lives of our city's residents with this type of irresponsible behavior will be prosecuted to the maximum

allowed under the law."

The two youths are also facing charges in connection with an arson that occurred near the Century Park LRT. They cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. The third youth has not been charged. METRO

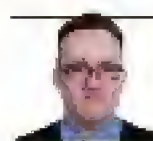


Cheryl Trepanier and her daughter Sawyer Zurek stand at the intersection of 99 Street and Saskatchewan Drive, which will soon be redesigned because of lobbying efforts. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Pedestrian lobbyists walk path to change

ROAD SAFETY

Advocates shouting for safer streets have city's ear



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Advocates for a more walkable Edmonton say their voices are getting louder and more organ-

ized — and the city appears to be listening.

Just this week, council approved changes the city's transportation department has proposed for the intersection of Saskatchewan Drive and 99 Street, at a cost of \$637,000.

The changes will re-align a southbound right-hand turn lane and install other measures meant to make the street safer for pedestrians.

Cheryl Trepanier, a board member with the group Paths for People, said even before the group was formed she and

her neighbours in Strathcona were pushing for changes to the intersection.

Trepanier said the city is hearing more from pedestrians and cyclists and looking to address their concerns.

"They're not just the anomaly anymore and I think we're at that point where the city needs to accommodate that in their planning," she said.

"The city is growing and I think there is more desire on the part of citizens for a vibrant urban atmosphere," she said. "I think there is just a shift, or

there is starting to be a shift, in the way that people are moving throughout the city."

Paths for People is encouraging its members to turn out to public consultations, including ongoing ones on changes to 109 Street.

Trepanier said the city is being more open than it was in the past, so citizens need to make sure they get their views across.

"As citizens, we absolutely have a big role to play in being heard," she said. "It takes two to dance."

ROADS

Videographer injured in single vehicle crash

A videographer with CBC Radio-Canada is in hospital in critical condition on Thursday after a crash near a northern Alberta community that has been housing Fort McMurray fire evacuees.

RCMP said they responded to an accident just outside Lac La Biche about 5:25 a.m.

Officers said a CBC vehicle had been going east on Highway 55 when it went off the road and landed in a ditch.

The driver was the only one

inside and an air ambulance spokesman said a man in his 30s was flown to an Edmonton hospital.

Media have been staying in Lac La Biche to cover a wildfire that forced more than 80,000 people out of their homes last week.

Emma Bedard with CBC public affairs in Toronto said the employee's family members were on their way to the hospital.

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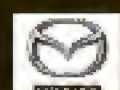
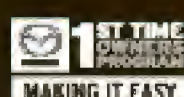
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The new rules will limit the fees payday loan companies can charge clients.

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New bill targets payday-loan firms

ECONOMY

NDP puts cap on fees but companies say move is mistake

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta introduced new rules targeting the payday loan industry Thursday but the industry itself argues the changes will only make things worse for vulnerable Albertans.

Service Alberta Minister Stephanie McLean introduced new legislation that aims to lower the interest rates and fees payday loan companies can charge, as well as forcing them to include financial literacy information and require instalment plans.

McLean said the current fees and interest rates were taking advantage of people and trapping them in cycles of debt.

"Interest rates that are 600 per cent or more are predatory," she said. "Loans that require you to take out loans to pay back loans are predatory."

The new legislation will cap fees on payday loans at 15 per cent of the amount borrowed, down from the current 23 per cent of the amount borrowed. That shifts Alberta from the highest allowable cost of borrowing to the lowest.

"These changes specifically make cycles of debt and rollover loans less likely," McLean said.

The government is also working with credit unions and other financial institutions to encourage them to offer bank accounts to those who are currently forced to deal with payday loans companies.

Garth Warner, president and CEO of Servus Credit Union, said Servus is working on setting up details for a payday-type loan that would be avail-

able to customers.

"We believe that it will be significantly more affordable than the loans the payday lenders have in place today," he said. Tony Irwin, president of the Canadian Payday Loan Association,

said the government's proposed law changes will slash the number of payday stores in Alberta and cause layoffs.

And he said customers who depend on payday loans to

make ends meet may have tough choices in the future.

"They will no longer be able to do so and that means they will be forced to go underground," he said. Irwin said talking about 600 per cent interest rates confuses the point as payday loans are not meant to be used over a long term.

"The very people the government is trying to help will be worse off as a result," he said.

Loans that require you to take out loans to pay back loans are predatory.

Service Alberta Minister
Stephanie McLean

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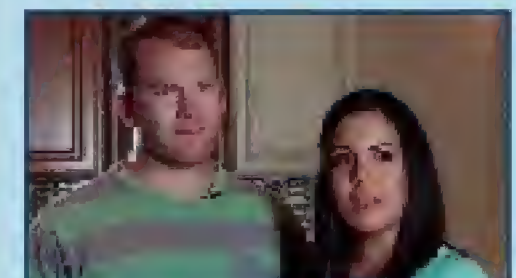
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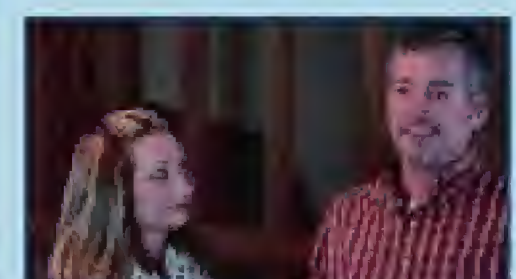
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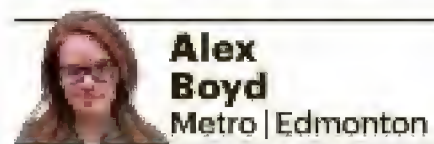
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Researcher fights hype on stem cells

SCIENCE

Not many therapies have backing, health law expert says



Alex Boyd
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From unproven claims to 'breakthroughs' that aren't really so revolutionary, the science of stem cells is significantly overhyped, says one Edmonton researcher.

The International Society for Stem Cell Research released new guidelines on the ethical conduct of stem cell research Thursday, and for the first time, they included a section on toning down the hype.

The new advice was written by a team of health ethics researchers, including the University of Alberta's Tim Caulfield, who specializes in health law. "I think that the issue of science hype is everywhere, but it seems particularly problematic in the context of stem cells," he said.

While he said stem cells have a lot of potential, he added there aren't actually that

many therapies out there that have the scientific backing to treat patients yet.

Given the attention the technology has been given as it's gone from controversial new idea to fad of the moment, it's easy to think otherwise.

"You hear athletes talking about unproven stem cell therapies, you see marketing for stem cell skin cream, all of this is presented in popular culture in a very uncritical fashion and I think that is problematic," Caulfield said. "I think it mis-

informs the public about the state of the science."

The recommendations place an obligation on researchers to be realistic about their research, though Caulfield points out that there are a lot of people involved in what he calls the "hype pipeline."

"From research, to research institutions, to the media, to the market, they all benefit from a little bit of hype. And often they do this unconsciously, but in the long run, no one benefits."



Tim Caulfield is a health law researcher at the University of Alberta. CONTRIBUTED



It misinforms the public about the state of the science. Tim Caulfield

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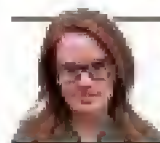
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Will they stay, or will they go?

In the aftermath of the Fort McMurray wildfire, which saw more than 88,000 people evacuated from their homes and destroyed 2,400 buildings, many people don't know what the future holds. One family Metro spoke with is determined to return to their lives, while another woman wants to leave the tragedy behind and move on.



Connie Jacobs and her son Zander, 10, are planning to go back to Fort McMurray with their family and pets. KEVIN TUNG/FOR METRO



Alex Boyd
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If Zander Jacobs' parents have their way, their son will be reunited with the Sith lords he loves as soon as possible, back in Fort McMurray.

Ten-year-old Zander left his two action figures behind in his home — luckily still standing — when he evacuated it last week with his family.

Jacobs can't wait to see Darth Vader and Darth Maul again.

"I'm a really big Star Wars fan," he said. "I love all of them."

But his parents are just keen

to return to the city they love.

"We're planning on going back, though there'll be lots of work to do," said Connie Jacobs, Zander's mother. "That's our home no matter where we are, that's where our heart is right now."

Evacuating the city was chaotic for the Jacobs family: Zander, his sister and father, Steven, weren't at home and ended up being evacuated north, while his mother was at home, and loaded up their two dogs, cat and bearded dragon — packed into an Old Dutch potato-chip box — and headed south.

They're now staying at a

friend's place in Spruce Grove, near Edmonton, where they're sharing space with two other families.

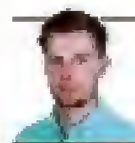
While Jacobs no longer has a job to go back to — she was working for a condo company that had all its units burn — she said her husband works for a flooring company that they believe is still in business.

She's looking forward to going home, but safety concerns have to be addressed.

"We definitely want to go back, but we want to make sure it's safe. We don't ever want to ever go through anything like this again."



Theresa Blacquiere is among few Fort McMurray residents who don't plan to return to the city. "I'm too terrified to go back," she says. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Theresa Blacquiere is adamant she won't return to Fort McMurray, after she fled the city in what she calls a terrifying experience.

After raging wildfires consumed about 10 per cent of Fort McMurray last week, Blacquiere was among the more than 88,000 who left their homes.

"I left with the clothes on my back," she said. "It was probably the most frightening experience I had ever been through."

And as many plan to rebuild

their lives in the city once they can return, Blacquiere said she won't — she has moved on.

"I'm too terrified to go back," she said, "and I can guarantee you I won't be back."

She said she isn't sure she'll return to fetch her belongings, as they continue to sit untouched since last week's blaze.

"I just don't know," she said repeatedly. "I've given my landlord my notice, so I may be paying rent until June. But it is what it is — I don't plan on going back."

In fact, Blacquiere has managed to acquire her old apartment in Lacombe.

She said she just feels happy to be somewhere away from the flames.

"It's just so heartbreaking to see what has happened," she said.

Blacquiere, who works as a clerk at an oil and gas camp south of the city, said nobody is quite sure when they'll be called back up, as the fire proves to move in unpredictable ways. She said the next two weeks will be getting settled in Lacombe, and waiting to see how work pans out.

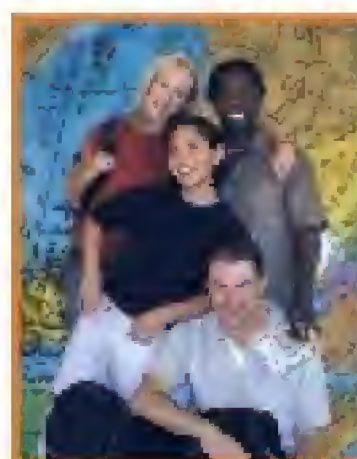
"I haven't looked for other jobs, yet," she said. "I'm just going to take it day-by-day."

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The 124 Grand Market is the first of many farmers' markets set to open this weekend and next. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Farmers' markets back

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Farmers' market season is upon us.

Grand Markets Edmonton has both its locations open for the season this week, while the 104 Street Market is gearing

up to re-launch next weekend.

Director Kirsta Franke said Grand Markets will be bigger than ever this year at their two locations, with about 120 vendors.

"We have a lot of vendors that are exclusive just to the Grand Market, which is really cool," she said.

"It's a mid sized market with a lot of heart, I think. A lot of our vendor family is a really tight-knit community and there are a lot of positive and really talented makers there."

The French Quarter Grand Market, opening Sunday, has returned to its usual spot at 8627 rue Marie-Anne-Gaboury

(91 St.).

The 124 Street location, which launched Thursday and will return on the same day each week, has moved from 108 Avenue to 102 Avenue due to neighbourhood renewal construction — which could bring some much needed business to High Street shops that have been hurt by the ongoing con-

struction of the 102 Avenue bridge.

"That's a beautiful shopping district," Franke said.

"Oliver is the densest neighbourhood in the city, so I think it's going to be incredible because all of the people who live in the neighbourhood can come out and enjoy the market after work when they're getting home and it's a short distance walk for them."

The market was able to open one week earlier than last year, thanks to co-operative weather.

Visit the Grand Markets Edmonton website for more information and a full list of rotating vendors.



It's a mid sized market with a lot of heart.

Kirsta Franke

THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND

Moby Dick, bike swap and fundraising

FRIDAY

Laced Up Cabaret

Sweet Carousel Corsetry presents a corset fashion show at the museum featuring local and international burlesque performers. Headliners include Kiravonsutra from Los Angeles, Amber Ray from New York, and Alberta's Raven Virginia. Tickets are \$29 through lacedup.ca

The event takes place at 7 p.m. at the Royal Alberta Museum, 12845 102 Ave.

ALL WEEKEND

Or the Whale

Studio Theatre is bringing its new Moby Dick adaptation, Or the Whale, to the stage for opening weekend. Performances will run through May 21. Tickets are available through Tix on the

Square. The event takes place at the University of Alberta's Timms Centre for the Arts, 112 Street and 87 Avenue on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Edmonton Bike Swap

The fifth annual swap, moving from Northlands to a new west-end location, will match outgrown bicycles with new pairs of legs. People are encouraged to donate gently used bikes — especially child-sized — for Fort McMurray wildfire evacuees. Admission is \$2 and will support not-for-profit cycling organizations in Edmonton.

The event takes place at Norwester Industrial Park, 11415 168 St. Bike drop-off is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the swap and

shop from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Refuelling Fort McMurray

A huge fundraiser featuring local bands, comedians, face painting, a car show and a silent auction will help Fort McMurray fire evacuees by raising money for the Red Cross. Headliners include rockabilly band Punch Drunk Cabaret, comedian Ben Proulx and hypnotist Colin Christopher.

The event takes place from noon to 6 p.m. for families, 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. for adults only at Blackjacks Roadhouse, 2110 Sparrow Drive, Nisku

Yoga for Fort McMurray Fund-raiser

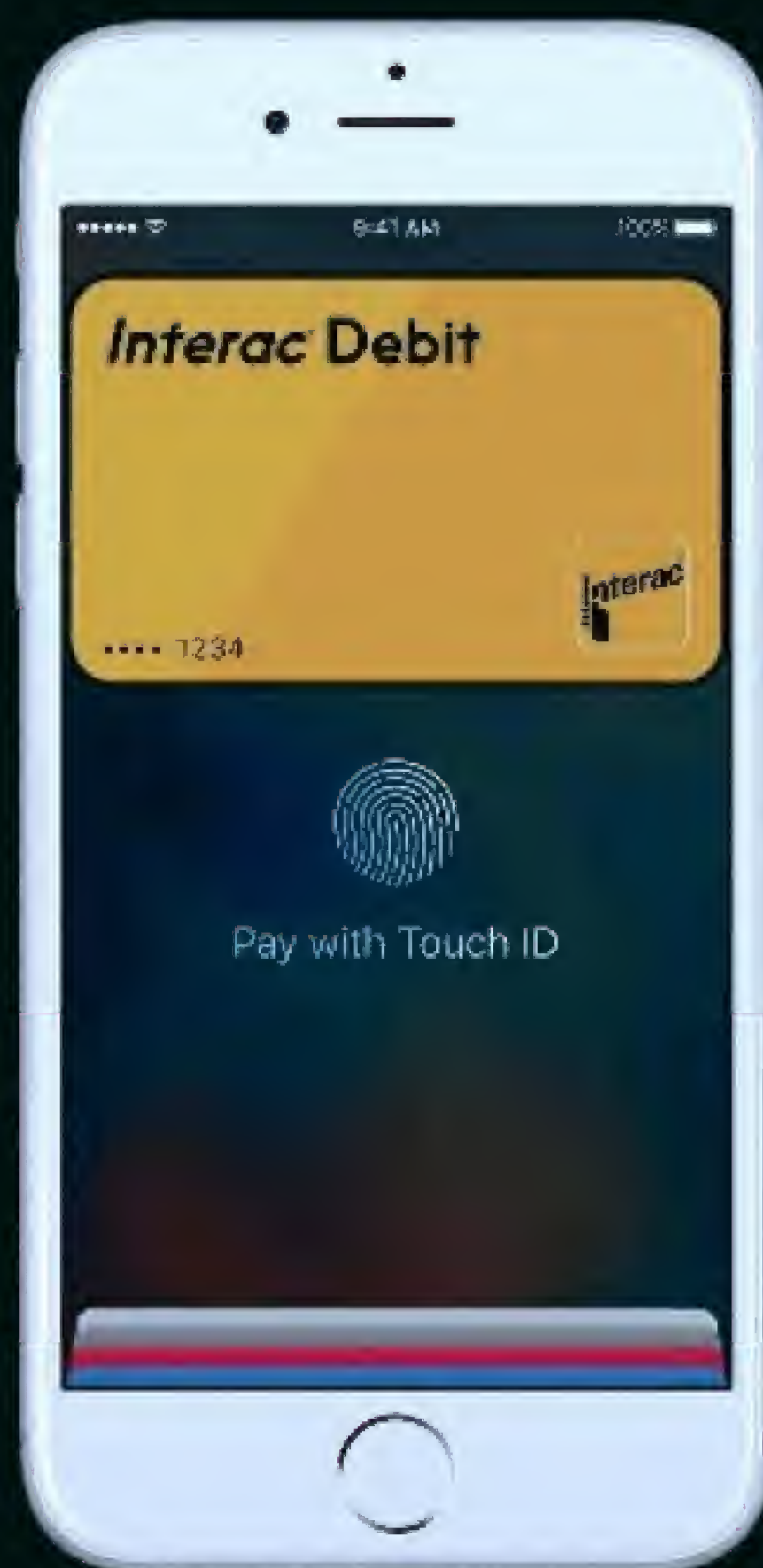
The all-day yoga fundraiser will start with Phoenix Flow, fol-

lowed by family yoga sessions at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and finally Yin yoga set to live music and singing bowls at 4 p.m. The studio, teachers and musicians are all donating their time, and proceeds and donations will be given to the Red Cross. The studio is also offering free drop-in classes until the end of May to all displaced Fort McMurray residents. The event takes place from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Prana Yoga Studio, 5611 199 St.

Bowl for Special Olympics

Special Olympics athletes will join teams from Edmonton businesses for a bowling event to benefit Special Olympics Alberta at Gateway Entertainment Centre, 3414 Gateway Blvd. at 10 a.m.

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Activating Attawapiskat

MENTAL WELLNESS

Group to teach youth how to bring sports and hope home



Braeden Jones
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Skylar Hookimaw has been searching for a way to bring positivity into his home of Attawapiskat and believes he may have found it this week.

The First Nation declared a state of emergency in April after its population of around 2,000 saw more than 100 suicide attempts in half a year.

Both federal and provincial governments responded with crisis teams, mental-health professionals and social workers, but the state of emergency also caught the attention of Motivate Canada.

Every year, Motivate hosts the Activate National Youth Leadership Forum — a workshop-based conference for young people to learn how to leverage the power of sport



Tatum Nakogee and Skylar Hookimaw in Ottawa on Thursday. COURTESY DAN DUBEAU

and recreation to change their communities for the better.

Motivate CEO Don Adams and organizers saw social-media posts on what Attawapiskat youth said they needed.

"They were saying, 'We need more recreation, more sport, more physical activity... something to do,'" Adams said. "So we said, 'We really think our

“Hopefully they will feed off of that positivity and look forward to a brighter future.”

Skylar Hookimaw

Activate program could make a difference.”

Motivate invited Hookimaw and two other young people from Attawapiskat to Activate 2016, running this week at the YMCA Bonnenfant Camp in Dunrobin, just outside Ottawa.

Rather than dispatch outside help to Attawapiskat, Activate is teaching three of its own

young people how to spark change from within.

"I think this will really help," said Hookimaw, 19. "These things I am learning are all positive, and I'm looking forward to teaching some of the youth what I'm learning."

"Hopefully they will feed off of that positivity and look forward to a brighter future."

He said he plans to take home some of the games and activities he's learning about.

"It would be really awesome if they had this in my community. The youth would come out and socialize more and feel like they matter," he said.

He and his neighbours Tatum Nakogee, 16, and Sky Koostachin, 22, are currently engaged in workshops on sport program development, physical literacy, networking, inclusion and wellness, to name a few.

"We hope to support them," Adams said. "They're keen to make a difference; we just want to support that."

To that end, Motivate is fundraising to send a member of its "Gen 7" role-model program for aboriginal youth to Attawapiskat to support the new "Activators."

EXPLOITATION

Child sex tourism increasing

More children than ever are being exploited in the travel and tourism sector in Canada and around the world, according to a new report released Thursday.

The two-year study, produced by the non-governmental organization ECPAT International, found that child-sex tourism has increased drastically and changed in nature in the last 20 years despite strong global efforts to combat the problem.

The main reason is the "phenomenal" increase in global travel, which has created more opportunities for abuse, says a member of the task force that oversaw the report.

"The only way not to find this problem in any community is simply not to look," Ernie Allen said in an interview.

The study found that Canada and the U.S., which have traditionally been considered "source countries" for abusers, are increasingly also becoming destinations. In Canada, indigenous women and kids are especially vulnerable.

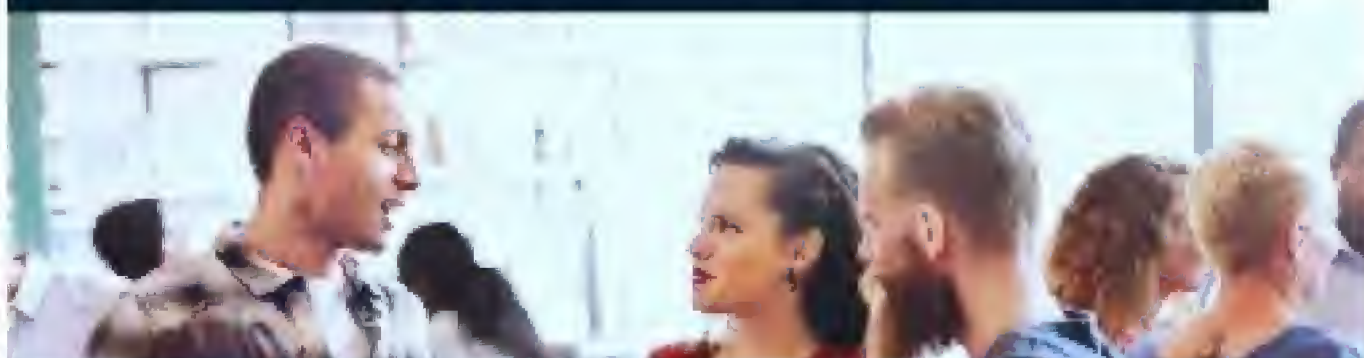
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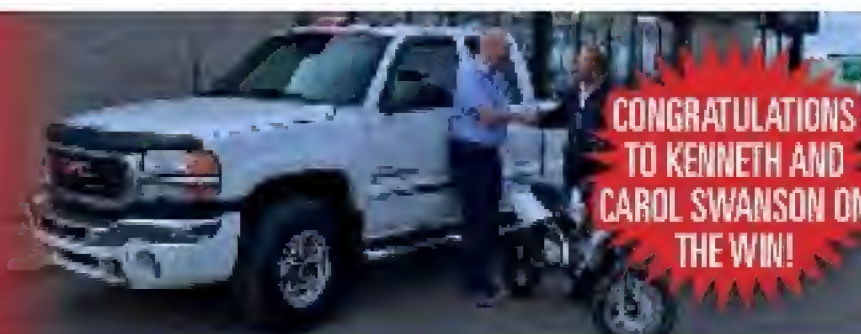
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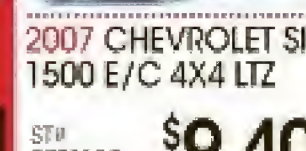
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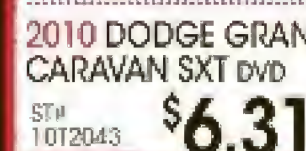
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Ahmad Zeina, centre, 5, swings with his siblings Mohammad, left, 11, and Noor, 7, at the Syrian refugees' new family home in Queensland, N.S., on April 16. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Most in permanent homes: McCallum

FEDS

Government-sponsored Syrian refugees 98% settled

Immigration Minister John McCallum says 98 per cent of government-sponsored Syrian refugees have now found permanent housing.

The minister is telling a Commons committee that the remaining two per cent should be housed by mid-June.

He says the government plans to bring in 25,000 government-sponsored refugees from Syria this year and is well on its way to that goal.

That's on top of the 25,000 brought in by the end of February in a mix of sponsorships.

McCallum says 17,300 of this year's 25,000 government-sponsored refugees have already ar-

rived and the remainder will be here by the end of December.

He says challenges remain in the fields of language training and jobs, but resettlement efforts are proceeding.

McCallum says there is still a demand among Canadians to help Syrian refugees.

"I'm probably the only immigration minister in the world whose major challenge is not being able to deliver enough refugees quickly enough to satisfy the amazing generosity of Canadian households, Canadian families who want to sponsor them," he said.

"This is good problem to have in a sense that it underlines the welcoming nature of our people, but it's still a problem."

He said additional officials have been deployed into the region to help process more newcomers.

The focus on people fleeing Syria has not left other refugees short-changed, he added.

"We have not lost sight, despite the recent attention paid to Syrian newcomers, of other refugees who also need our protection."

It made sense, he said, to put extra effort into the Syrian situation. "This was the worst refugee crisis the world has seen in decades."

McCallum also said that the Syrian refugee program will likely come in under budget, although final tallies are still being made.

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This was the worst refugee crisis the world has seen in decades.

John McCallum

MONCTON SHOOTINGS

Widows upset as RCMP pleads not guilty to labour charges

Wives of two fallen officers left a courtroom disappointed Thursday after the RCMP pleaded not guilty to Labour Code violations stemming from a 2014 shooting rampage targeting Mounties.

"At this point we're just hoping for a quick resolution," said Angela Gevaudan, whose husband Const. Fabrice Gevaudan was one of three Mounties killed when Justin Bourque began shooting at police in a residential neighbourhood.

"It has been a frustrating

process," said Nadine Larche, whose husband Const. Doug Larche was killed.

Trial was set for April 17, 2017. The RCMP are accused of four violations relating to the force's equipment, training and supervision.

The charges allege the RCMP failed to provide members with the appropriate equipment, information, instruction and training in an active shooter event, and failed to provide supervisors with appropriate information

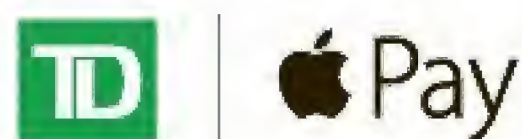
and instruction or training in an active shooter event.

"The matter is going to go to trial and the RCMP is going to contest the allegations," said defence lawyer Mark Ertel Thursday.

Bourque pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder for killing Gevaudan and Larche as well as Const. Dave Ross, while constables Eric Dubois and Darlene Goguen were wounded. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan have vowed to work together despite their differences in an attempt to unify the Republican Party. GETTY IMAGES

Donald Trump mending fences

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner pledges to work with House Speaker

Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan pledged to work together despite their differences after a meeting Thursday aimed at unifying a party torn over Trump's rise to the cusp of the Republican presidential nomination. The speaker stopped short of a full-throated endorsement but appeared closer to one.

Trump and Ryan issued a statement describing their meeting as a "very positive step toward unification" that recognized "many important areas of common ground" as well as areas where they disagree. Ryan stunned Re-

publicans by withholding his endorsement a week ago when it became clear Trump was on a firm path to the nomination.

The much-anticipated meeting unfolded as more Republicans have begun urging the party to leave the extraordinary discord behind. The statement by the two suggested both are invested in tamping down Republican infighting as they try to pull the GOP together for the fight against Hillary Clinton and Democrats in the fall.

Ryan told a news conference they are "planting the seeds" to accomplish that.

In a tweet, Trump said: "Great day in D.C. with @SpeakerRyan and Republican leadership. Things working out really well!"

Trump, in a black SUV, slipped from one GOP power centre to another on a fence-

mending mission made necessary by his outsider status in the city that embodies insiders.

The billionaire's provocative, crowd-rousing pronouncements, his arsenal of insults hurled at rivals and his amorphous positions on matters dear to conservatives have unnerved many GOP leaders who fear he will be crushed in the fall. At the same time, more are recognizing that he's tapped a deep nerve among many of the disaffected — and the GOP has no alternative to him in any event.

Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, an ally of GOP leadership, said Thursday his biggest worry about Trump is that he is "unpredictable." Yet Trump is also a "change agent," Cole said. "That's exactly what people want right now, so in that sense he's very well-positioned for a general election."

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GEORGE ZIMMERMAN

Gun used to kill Trayvon Martin goes up for sale in online auction

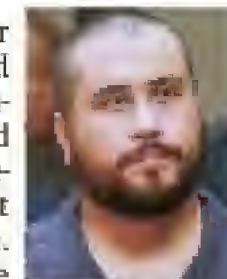
An online gun auction website yanked George Zimmerman's ad to sell the pistol he used to kill unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, saying it wanted no part in the deal, but a second site offered to post it.

A listing for the weapon was removed from the GunBroker.com site Thursday morning, minutes after the auction was to begin, as negative traffic about the sale exploded online.

In a statement posted on its website, GunBroker.com said list-

ings are user generated, and that the company reserved the right to reject listings at its discretion. No one there "has any relationship with Zimmerman", the company wrote in its statement.

It added, "We want no part in the listing on our website or in



George Zimmerman
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any of the publicity it is receiving." Hours later, United Gun Group tweeted that it would post Zimmerman's ad.

Critics called the planned auction an insensitive move to profit from the slaying.

Zimmerman had told Orlando, Florida, TV station WOFL that the pistol was returned to him by the U.S. Justice Department, which took it after he was acquitted in Martin's 2012 shooting death.

The auction was to begin at 9 a.m. Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Public reburial for slaves

ALBANY, N.Y.

Construction workers found the graveyard 11 years ago

Their exhumed bones point to the hard lives of slaves: arthritic backs, missing teeth, muscular frames. In death, they were wrapped in shrouds, buried in pine boxes and — over centuries — forgotten.

Remains of the 14 presumed slaves will soon be reburied near the Hudson River in New York state, 11 years after construction workers uncovered the unmarked gravesite. This time, volunteers are honouring the seven adults, five infants and two children in a way that would have been unthinkable when they died. They will be publicly memorialized and buried in personalized boxes beside prominent families in old Albany.

"It's something we agonize over because it's very rare that you have an opportunity to not just speak about the

lives of the enslaved, but to actually do something to honour them," said Cordell Reaves, of the Schuyler Flatts Burial Ground Project.

Their headstone is already set. The etching, echoing the style of 18th-century graves, reads: "Here lies the remains of 14 souls known only to God. Enslaved in life, they are slaves no more."

Archeologists found remains in 2005 after a backhoe operator uncovered a skull during sewer construction just north of Albany. Graves were in two rows, heads pointed west.

The type of wrought iron nails on the coffins and brass pins on the shrouds indicated burials in the 18th or early 19th centuries. They were buried on the former site of a farm owned by members of the locally prominent Schuyler family, who kept slaves.

DNA tests on five of the women and one man showed maternal ancestry from Africa and Madagascar. Another woman, identified as of African descent, had Native American roots on her mother's side.

The thin historical record of

+ BURIAL

Remains to lie in state

Individually decorated boxes with the remains of the 14 presumed slaves will lie in state on Friday, June 17, at the Schuyler Mansion, a state historic site once inhabited by relatives of the farm operators. They will be buried the next day on a landscaped cemetery hillside within walking distance from where they were first buried.

slaves is often limited to wills, for sale ads and runaway notices. One rare glimpse from the Schuyler farm comes in the memoir of a woman who spent time there as a girl in the 1760s. Anne Grant writes of slaves cutting wood, threshing wheat, cooking and eating under a big shade tree. In language that can make 21st-century readers wince, Grant described the "gentle treatment" of slaves in the area.

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Artist Danielle Charlestin shows off a burial container she is painting in Troy, N.Y., that will hold the remains of a slave found at an unmarked cemetery. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHO REPORT

Pollution killing millions

Almost everyone in large cities in poor and middle-income countries faces excessively high air pollution, a growing problem that is killing more than three million people prematurely each year, the World Health Organization said Thursday. The agency says more than four out of five city dwellers worldwide live in cities that don't meet WHO air quality guidelines.

The findings are part of WHO's third Global Urban Ambient Air Pollution Database.

The agency named Zabol, Iran, as the city with the highest annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter — a key measure of air pollution that could damage health. By that measure, India stood out as home to more than half of the 21 most polluted cities.

In Europe, the Bosnian city of Tuzla had the worst air, although its pollution level was far less than in much larger cities in India, Pakistan and China. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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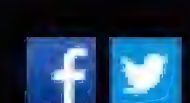
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Samsung expands virtual reality

TECHNOLOGY

Company pairs with Oculus in attempt to dazzle consumers

Smartphone maker Samsung and virtual reality specialist Oculus are trying to dazzle consumers by adding more entertainment and educational options to their Gear headset in hopes of transforming the technological curiosity into a cultural phenomenon.

The new selections announced Wednesday include Nomads, a three-dimensional video series examining wayfarer lifestyles in remote parts of the world. There's also an upcoming video game called Tactica that requires players to plot a battlefield strategy on a holographic tabletop, and another 360-degree video called 6X9 providing a grim look of what it's like to be stuck in a prison's solitary confinement cell.

They join a menu of more than 250 apps designed for the Gear VR since its consumer model was released nearly six months ago. That's a meagre amount compared to the millions of apps available for the iPhone and devices running on the Android operating system.

Devices that build an arsenal of compelling apps usually are easier to sell to consumers.



This photo provided by Felix & Paul Studios shows a scene from a 3-D video series called Nomads. Virtual reality specialist Oculus is trying to impress consumers by adding entertainment and educational options to the Samsung Gear headset. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Programmers, though, put a lower priority on designing apps for devices until they have amassed a large audience.

That hasn't happened yet with the Gear, though Oculus says it is winning over fans faster than it anticipated when the headset hit the market just before last year's holiday shopping season. About 1 million people used the Gear VR last month for an average of 25 minutes per day, according to Oculus. About 80 per cent of that time was spent watch-

ing video.

Samsung designed the Gear for its most recent smartphones with the help of Oculus, a little-known startup until online social networking leader Facebook bought it for \$2 billion two years ago to help introduce virtual reality to the masses.

"Oculus can help people experience anything, anywhere," boasted Max Cohen, the company's head of mobile. "We think this (technology) can actually change people's lives."

The concept of virtual reality, a technology that immerses people in an artificial world, has been around for years, but has never taken off.

The Gear was a forerunner to a more advanced virtual-reality headset called the Rift that costs \$600 and requires a connection to a high-powered computer.

The Rift began shipping nearly two months ago, although many buyers still haven't received the headset yet because of delays that

+ NEXT BIG THING

Mark Zuckerberg is convinced virtual reality is destined to become technology's next big breakthrough, and other influential trendsetters Google and Apple are now scrambling to catch up in the still-nascent field.

Oculus has blamed on parts shortages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REPRESENTATION

Emojis for women by Google

Google wants professional women to be better represented in emoji form.

In a proposal to the Unicode Consortium, which controls specifications for emojis, Google says it wants to create a new set "with a goal of highlighting the diversity of women's careers and empowering girls everywhere."

Sample emojis provided by Google in the proposal show several female characters in professional clothing, including business suits, lab coats, medical scrubs and construction hats.

Google wants Unicode to standardize the emojis by the end of the year.

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Emojis designed by Google to focus on women. CONTRIBUTED

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RETAIL

Walmart uses shipping deal to attack Amazon

Walmart is sharpening its attack on Amazon.com.

The world's largest retailer is trimming its free-shipping pilot program to two days from a three, and it's cutting a dollar off the membership price. Membership is now \$49 per year.

The Bentonville, Arkansas, company began testing the new service last year in answer to Amazon Prime's two-day shipping, a big part of its domination of the retail sector.

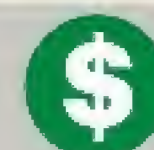
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a year, which comes with a bewildering array of perks, including household product subscriptions, one and two hour Prime Now delivery, streaming music and video, photo storage and more.

"Prime has become an all-you-can-eat, physical-digital hybrid," Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos wrote in his annual shareholder letter in April. He wants the service to be such a good deal that you'd be "irresponsible" not to sign up, he wrote.

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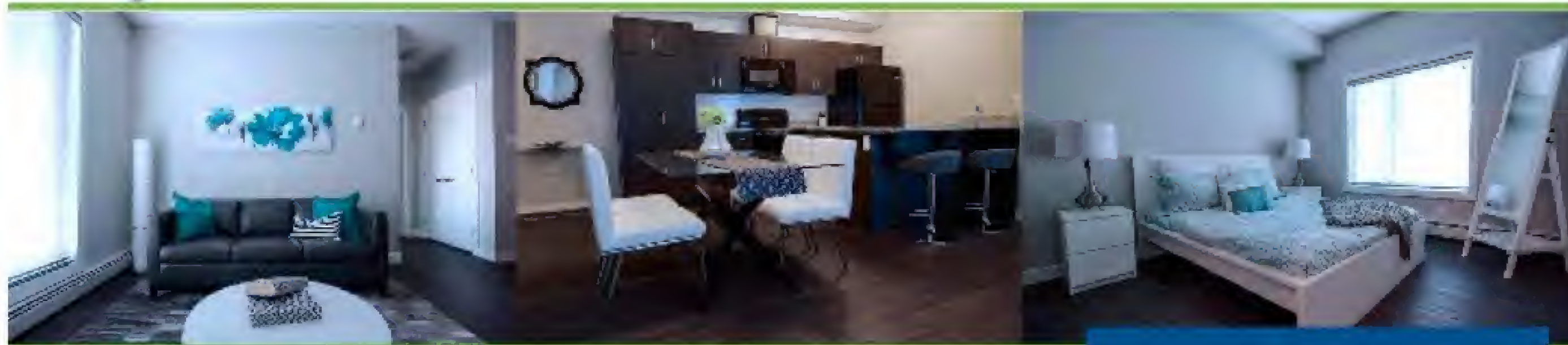
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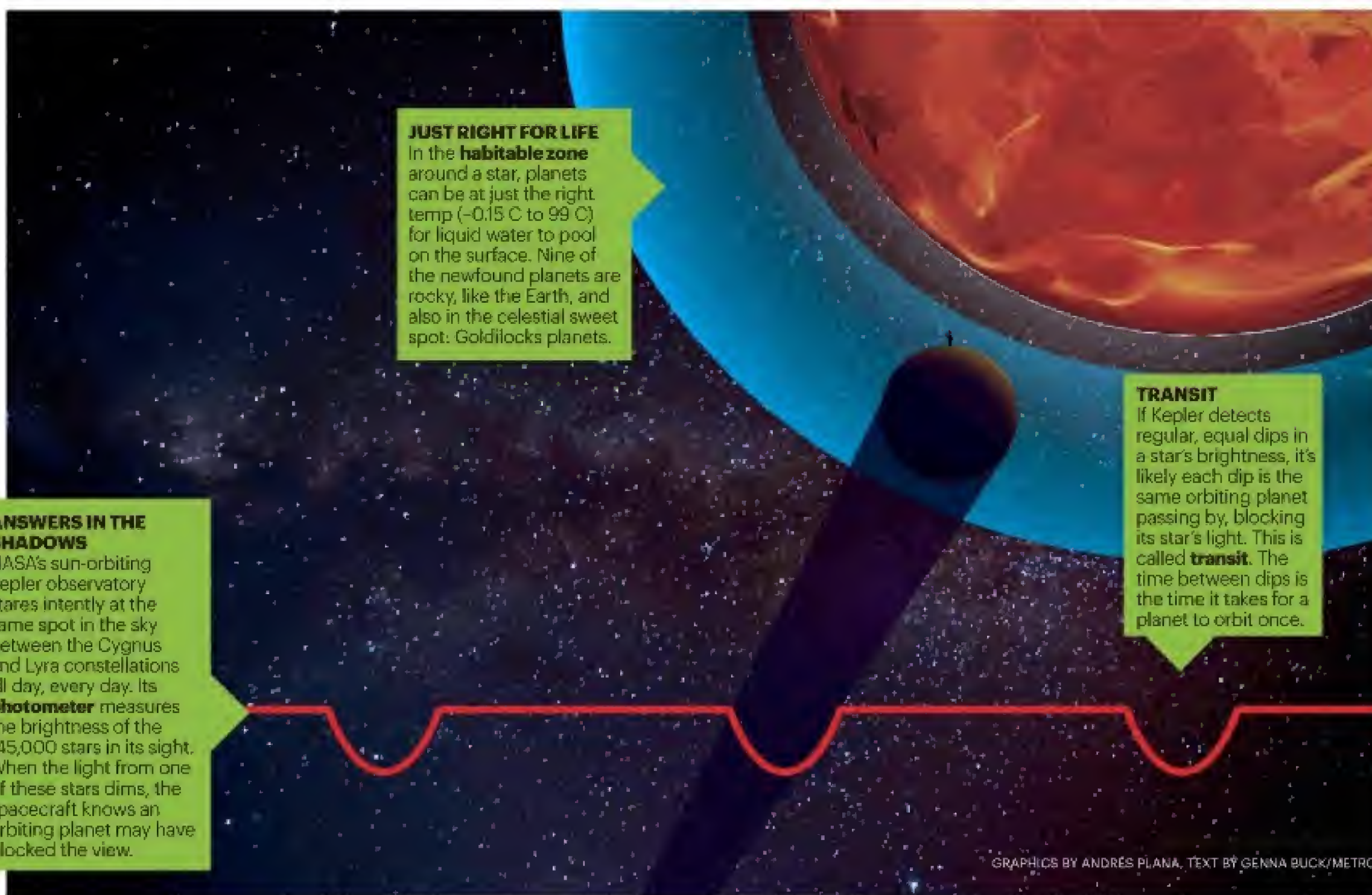
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DECODED Goldilocks planets

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

NASA's Kepler mission confirmed the existence of 1,284 more planets this week, doubling the total number of **exoplanets** known to science (that is, planets outside our familiar eight-planet solar system. Sorry, Pluto). Some of these new worlds are Earth-like and a handful are in that not-too-hot, not-too-cold "Goldilocks" zone — our best hope to one day learn we're **not alone in our galaxy**.



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In the **habitable zone** around a star, planets can be at just the right temp (-0.15 C to 99 C) for liquid water to pool on the surface. Nine of the newfound planets are rocky, like the Earth, and also in the celestial sweet spot: Goldilocks planets.

TRANSIT
If Kepler detects regular, equal dips in a star's brightness, it's likely each dip is the same orbiting planet passing by, blocking its star's light. This is called **transit**. The time between dips is the time it takes for a planet to orbit once.

ANSWERS IN THE SHADOWS
NASA's sun-orbiting Kepler observatory stares intently at the same spot in the sky between the Cygnus and Lyra constellations all day, every day. Its **photometer** measures the brightness of the 145,000 stars in its sight. When the light from one of these stars dims, the spacecraft knows an orbiting planet may have blocked the view.

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FINDINGS
Your week in science



SELECTIVE MEMORY
You know the feeling: We remember past failures and embarrassments acutely but forget less awful things that happened around the same time. A study from University College London suggests the hippocampus, which helps associate memories with their surrounding context, is less active while we're exposed to gruesome images and events.

HUNGER IN YOUR HEAD
Researchers at McGill University have discovered that a specific type of brain cells, **NG2-glia cells**, are essential for signalling to the body that we've had enough to eat.

SOUND SMART

PEDO MORPHISM

DEFINITION
Pedomorphism is a type of genetic change: It's when the adults of a species start to display a trait that used to only be seen in the young. It can happen randomly, or through natural selection or selective breeding.

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CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Can garlic cure my cold?

If I'm coming down with a cold, I should swallow a bunch of garlic right away, right? — Rosie, Vancouver

Mmm. Garlic bread. That will definitely make you happy and take your mind off your cold. In all seriousness, though, there's some evidence garlic prevents colds, but it's pretty weak.

Garlic contains a fragrant compound called allicin, which has been shown in the lab to have antiviral and antibacterial

properties. Clinical trials in people, though, are scarce and mostly poorly designed. The most recent review of the research I could find included just one good-quality experiment: 146 people got either a placebo or 180 mg of allicin (10 cloves' worth!) daily for three months. According to self-reported symptoms (not the most reliable), the garlic group had less than half as many colds.

However, the experiment may have been thrown off because

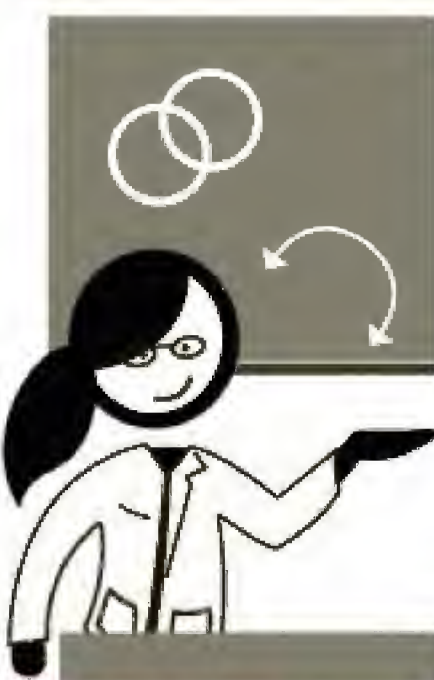
some people in the garlic group knew who they were: Their bad breath gave it away.

This example illustrates some general problems with botanical remedies. Most of their active components are found in plants in trace amounts that can vary a lot. And though you can buy concentrated plant products, they're loosely regulated. You can't always be sure the content, the dosage or the health claims on the label are accurate.

If you think "Even if garlic isn't

the **best**, at least it's natural," I'd argue that statement's pretty meaningless. Cases in point: Salicylic acid (aspirin) made in a lab is chemically identical to the compound found in white willow. Botulin toxin is a "natural," lethal, poison. I'm not a doctor, but I'll tell you what I do for colds: tea, Netflix, over-the-counter fever meds, and if I think it's going to make me happier, garlic bread.

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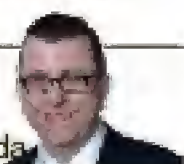
More than gorgeous George

CLOONEY'S RESUME

The star's latest, *Money Monster*, at home among an eclectic mix

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



George Clooney is a rare breed, a one-name film star. Mention "George" and everyone knows who you're talking about.

He's headlined a handful of films dating all the way back to when there was a Clinton in the White House that raked in north of \$100 million. Since leaving the television show *ER* in 1999, he's released two movies a year on average, including this weekend's *Money Monster*, a thriller about the host of a financial advice show held hostage on live TV by an investor who lost everything.

Some of his films have been successful, others not, but it's clear Clooney doesn't aspire to be a blockbuster star. Perhaps it's because George is, as *Time* called him, "the last movie star," that he appears determined to smash what that kind of stardom means. By lending his name to

offbeat movies he deconstructs the mechanism of superstardom.

George steers his career toward character driven pieces, often at the expense of giant box office numbers. And while the fabric of his fame may fray around the edges from time to time — he's as susceptible to box office vagaries as anyone — he stays busy, winning Oscars, producing movies like *August: Osage County* and acting as pitchman for everyone from Fiat to Martini Vermouth.

"I'm very aware of the fact that if not for a Thursday night time slot on *ER*, I wouldn't have this career," he once said, "so I'm going to push the limits as much as I can."

From kid flicks to period dramas and political satire Clooney has done just that.

Loosely based on a Roald Dahl story, the stop-motion animated *Fantastic Mr. Fox* sees Clooney as a smooth-talking fox that returns to a life of crime after buying a tree house he can't afford. Clooney brings charm, wit and warmth to an unpredictable character, smooth one minute, a wild animal the next.

Clooney also starred in *The Good German*, a tribute to 1940s cinema shot with technology from the golden age of Hollywood — the same lenses, the same atmospheric lighting, the



Clooney as he appears in this year's *Money Monster*. Once described by *Time* as "the last movie star," Clooney has built up an impressive and eclectic resume on the silver screen, writes Richard Crouse. COURTESY ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA

same rat-a-tat-tat style of dialogue, the same everything. It's a retro-looking film made with 21st century creative freedom. Clooney, as an American military journalist covering the Potsdam Conference in post-war Berlin, and co-star Cate Blanchett look like golden age movie stars but behave more like Brat Packers.

Strangest of all is *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, the best

movie with the worst name on Clooney's resume. He plays a psychic soldier in this screwball satire about the state of modern warfare. It's an absurdist film, filled with memorable images — Clooney staring down a goat, enlisted men doing the Watusi and a montage of Jeff Bridges embarking on a journey of enlightenment — where no joke is too broad or too barbed.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Money Monster ★★
A Bigger Splash ★★★★★
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George is so artistically eclectic he even disowns one of his biggest hits. "I always apologize for *Batman*!" he says.

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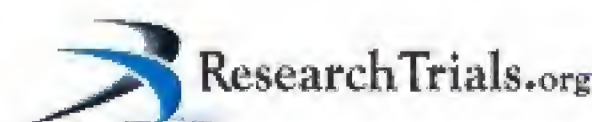
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Clooney vows U.S. will not elect Trump

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In Cannes, actor says fear won't drive his nation

George Clooney has vowed that Donald Trump will not be elected president, promising that "fear is not going to be something that drives" the United States.

Clooney spoke to reporters Thursday at the Cannes Film Festival where he stars in Jodie Foster's hostage thriller *Money Monster*. Clooney, a prominent fundraiser for Hillary Clinton, insisted that Trump will not win.

"There's not going to be a President Donald Trump," Clooney said.

"That's not going to happen. Fear is not going to be something that drives our country. We're not going to be scared of Muslims or immigrants or women. We're not actually afraid of anything."

Clooney and his wife, human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, last month hosted a pair of events in Los Angeles and San Francisco that raised millions for Clinton.

The actor said that Trump is

the product of the collision of news and entertainment depicted in *Money Monster*.

In it, Clooney plays a Jim Cramer-like financial guru taken hostage live on the air by a distraught investor (Jack O'Connell). Julia Roberts co-stars as the program's producer.

"Trump is actually a result in many ways of the fact that much of the news programs didn't follow up and ask tough questions," said Clooney.

"Twenty-four-hour news doesn't mean you get more news, it means you get the same news more," he continued.

"More and more and more you hear these guys, their ratings go up because they can show an empty podium saying 'Donald Trump is about to speak,' as opposed to taking those 30 seconds and saying, 'Well, let's talk about refugees,' which is the biggest crisis going on in the world right now."

For the 55-year-old Clooney, television news has been a life-long theme.

His father, Nick Clooney, was a journalist and distinguished local news anchor.

Clooney's second film as a director was 2005's *Good Night,*

and *Good Luck*, his black-and-white Edward R. Murrow drama about the halcyon days of television news.

As an actor in Steven Soderbergh's *Out of Sight*, he also memorably riffed on *Network*, the Sidney Lumet-Paddy Chayefsky classic of ratings-obsessed broadcast news.

"*Money Monster* talks about the evolution of what has become the cross between news and entertainment. And I think that's been a big problem. *Network* started it," said Clooney. "Everything that Paddy Chayefsky wrote in 1975 came true."

Money Monster, Foster's fourth film as a director, debuted in Cannes on Thursday ahead of its North American release on Friday.

Critics greeted it with lukewarm reviews, though the film has drawn praise for being a rare commodity: an adult thriller with some meaning.

"This movie is talking about one of the things that I think is a great disaster in the way we inform ourselves right now," said Clooney. "We've lost the ability to get to and tell the truth and get to the facts."

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Julia Roberts and George Clooney attend the *Money Monster* premiere in Cannes on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES



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New website rails against Hollywood's 'whitewashing'

How would it look if there were more Asian actors playing lead roles in Hollywood blockbusters?

Check out the #StarringJohnCho website and see for yourself.

The website has inserted Cho's image into a number of mainstream movie posters, including *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, *Go Rogue*, *Mother's Day* and *The Martian* to draw attention to the fact that "whitewashing Asian roles in film abounds."

It notes that it's common practice for white stars to be cast as Asian characters, such as Scarlett Johansson playing Motoko Kusanagi in the dystopian crime story *Ghost in the Shell*, blonde and blue-eyed Emma Stone as Alison Ng in *Aloha*, and Jim Sturgess as Jeff Ma in *21*.

Cho is best known as the

actor who took on the iconic role of Sulu in the *Star Trek* reboot, and as one of the titular characters in the Harold & Kumar comedy trilogy.

However, Asian actors in Hollywood generally remain consigned to bit roles, the website argues.

"#StarringJohnCho is a social movement that literally shows you what it would look like if today's Hollywood blockbusters cast an Asian-American actor — specifically, John Cho — as their leading man," it says.

The website argues that it makes economic sense to cast more Asian leads, as diverse casts promise higher box office profits.

"Support #StarringJohnCho by sharing the hashtag and help ignite this necessary conversation," it says.

The site says it was created by 25-year-old digital strategist William Yu, who Photoshopped Cho's face onto a collection of mainstream Hollywood movie posters.

It also carries a disclaimer which states that Cho has no affiliation with it.

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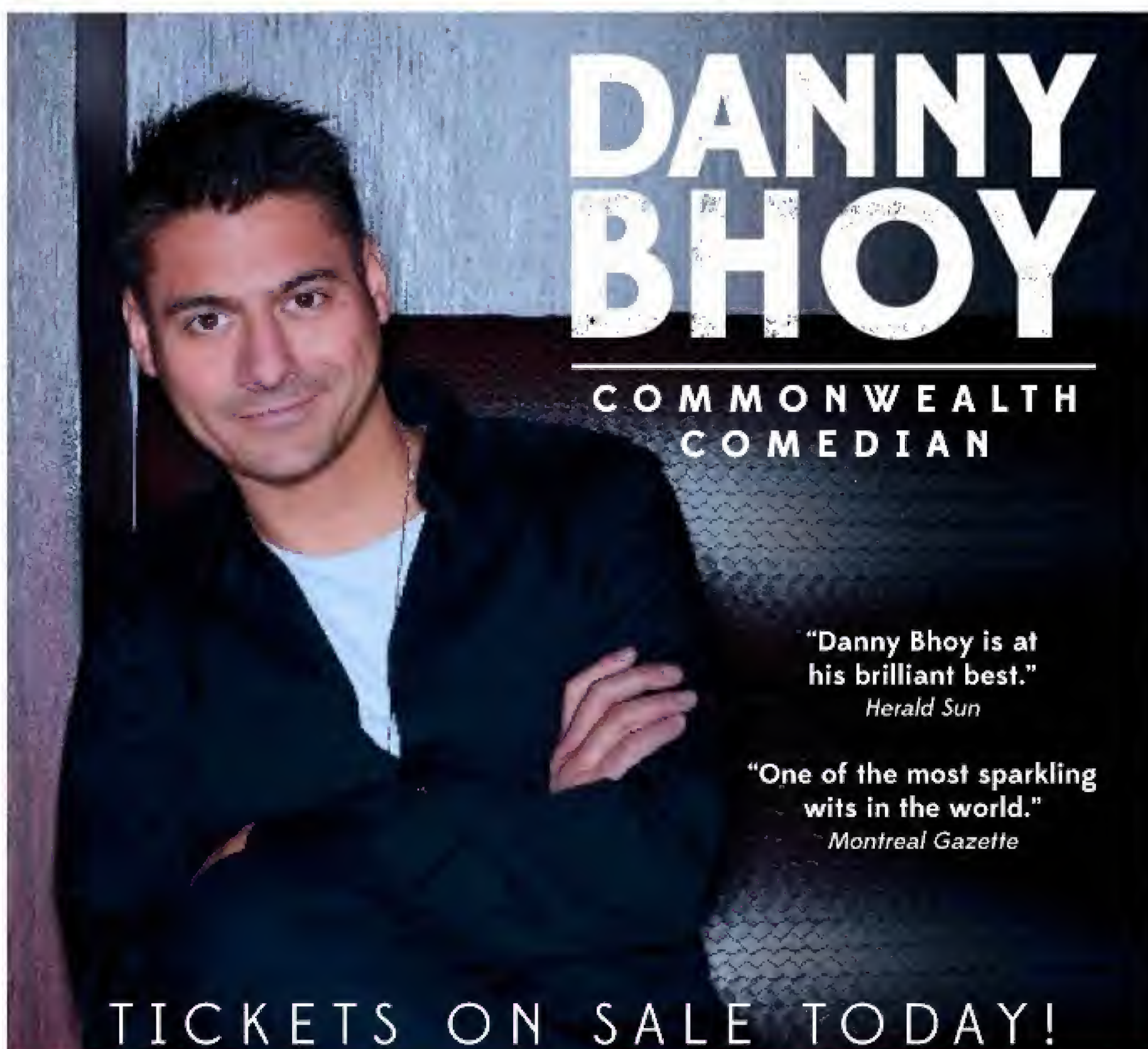
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On a recent Saturday morning, I was led into temptation...twice.

We drove to Valleyview Gardens, a Scarborough plant centre where we planned on picking up a few plants to fill some pots on our deck. Three hundred and fifty dollars later, we left with paradise.

"I need to eat a little something before we start gardening," I told Simon as we stuffed the car with grasses, herbs and succulents, "maybe a pastry and a coffee." We'd passed all sorts of strip mall bakeries — from Chinese to Greek — but Google maps made up our minds after telling us Francesca Bakery was just 10 minutes away.

We came for cannoli. Seventy dollars later, we left with a box of Italian cookies, two pieces of lasagna, a couple of fist-sized rice balls, a muffuletta-looking sandwich layered with salami and cheese, and roasted chicken and potatoes. And no, we didn't forget the cannoli. And yes, that too was paradise.

A paradise of a different sort opens on Friday: A Bigger Splash reunites Tilda Swinton with Luca Guadagnino, who directed her in 2009's I Am Love: a highly stylized film that left me wanting to touch everything from Swinton's polished wardrobe to a plate of prawns that sends her into near-ecstasy.

It sounds like A Bigger Splash, which premiered at the Venice Film Festival last year, is just as tactile: "I keep joking we should give people sunscreen with their popcorn for this movie," Swinton recently said. "There's a feeling that you're going to this place."

The place is Pantelleria, an island between Tunisia and Sicily. Swinton plays a rock star who retreats there with her boyfriend, a filmmaker, played by Matthias Schoenaerts, for rest and relaxation after vocal-cord surgery.

But paradise is interrupted when her ex-lover,

a record producer played by Ralph Fiennes, shows up unexpectedly with his daughter (Dakota Johnson) who he just discovered he had, in tow. Enter temptation, jealousy, desire, lust — and judging from the trailer, perhaps a crime of passion.

We interrupted our gardening to eat that sandwich, which was big enough for two. "I really wish you got some chicken parmigiana," Simon said.

"That's not even Italian you know," I said. "It's Italian-American."

"Who cares! It's delicious!" he said. "And you know that the hybrid of two food cultures is still 'authentic' because immigrants, by using what they had available to them in the new world, made it so."

"I was thinking that very thing in Francesca Bakery." Even though the scenic photos of Sicily hanging on the walls, the bright modern space with metal tables and chairs felt more New Jersey than say, a traditional pasticceria in Palermo, like Bar Costa, where, coincidentally, Francesca Bakery owner Angelo Battaglia got his start as a teenager, it felt just as legitimate.

"Think about all the regional variety in Italy," I continued, "all the ways that outside influences changed their food. Take the Sicilian cannoli: it has Arabic roots."

"It's funny how we think of food culture in Italy as static, even though it's always adapted," he said. "I mean the tomato, which didn't even arrive there until the 1700s, is now synonymous with Italian food."

"I wonder what Chinese Canadians think about their cuisine here?" I thought out loud.

"I don't know. But I think chicken balls have their place," he said, "And so does chicken parm."

Like in paradise.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

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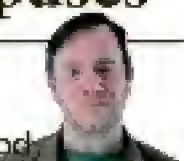
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Sororities can't throw parties... but they're still noisy neighbors

INTERVIEW

Seth Rogen on Greeks, geeks and sexism on U.S. campuses

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood



Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne's at-wits-end young parents from *Neighbors* thought their college party problems were behind them after triumphing over Zac Efron's fraternity next door, but that was before a sorority moved in. Rogen talks to Metro Canada about the Greek system that solidified the plot, how Zac Efron can make people pity him and the surprisingly dark turn the franchise could take next.

How much were you looking to play with the surprisingly inherent sexism you highlight about the Greek system in this film?

It's honestly the thing that made us think it was a good idea in the first place. We were debating whether or not a sorority moving in would be a good or interesting idea, and then Michelle, one of our interns, was like, "Sororities aren't actually allowed to throw parties, so it actually wouldn't be a nightmare to have a sorority move in next door." And we were just like, "What the f—? This is crazy." It was almost one of those things where if you think about it, it's probably the reason for so many problems that are on college campuses, you know? The fact that they can't have parties in their own private, safe home-field environment was just very bizarre to us, really. That kind of rule seems surprisingly old-fashioned. It was totally crazy. A lot of women who have seen the movie just didn't know. I mean, I'm from Canada where frats and sororities just aren't as big of a thing. But the reaction that you have is I think the reaction that a lot of people have — just like, "What?"

You avoid the usual pitfalls of a comedy sequel. What was the strategy for that?

I'm hoping we did that. (laughs) It sounds weird, but we looked a lot at the *Toy Story* movies. They're all about growing up, they're all about kind of letting go of your childhood and they really just explore the phases of that in a very logical, simple progression. That's really what we started to talk about. OK, it's a movie about growing up, it's a movie about being parents. What is the next logical thing that would happen after the first one? We would have another kid, we would be afraid of our parenting abilities. And for

Zac it was, OK you've graduated, now what? You're essentially a guy with no skills out in the world. What would be the next thing that would happen there?

You do some interesting stuff with Zac Efron's character emotionally, which audiences might not have expected.

People are generally pretty sympathetic to stupid people, which is good because we portray them a lot. It's really also a testament to Zac and his acting. I brought one of my friends from Vancouver to one of the screenings. He has a very average job and he does not meet a lot of people like Zac



Seth Rogen hasn't run short of jokes with *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising*. CONTRIBUTED

THRILLOGY

Two down, so how about 'Neighbors 3'?

Rogen and his cohorts have pulled off the rare feat of a comedy sequel that works as well as the original, if not better.

Neighbors grossed \$150.2 million U.S. in North America and \$120.5 million in other territories for a worldwide total gross of \$270.7 million. Set against a budget of just \$18 million, that marked a major success for Rogen and Universal Studios.

So assuming *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising* turns out to be a success, certainly he's thought about where the characters could go in a third film, right? Not necessarily.

"I mean, I'm not the kind of person who can assume any success has occurred until it has. I wish my brain worked that way, but it just doesn't," Rogen admitted with a laugh.

"Maybe in a couple of months, we'll start thinking about that, but right now we don't have anything. Maybe a meth lab moves in next door. That's the running winner."

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Efron and is generally trained to be resentful of people like him. And after the movie he was like, "I felt so bad for him. That is such an amazing thing to accomplish." He was like, "I should not be feeling bad for Zac Efron, but the whole movie I just wanted to reach out and hug him. It's so sad."

Does making a comedy with Universal make it easier to write in *Minions* jokes?

Yes, very much so. We generally try to tap into the intellectual property of the studio that we're working with. We thought, if there's ever a chance to put *Minions* in our movies, this is it.

Chloe Grace Moretz welcomes Zac Efron as an honorary sorority member in *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising*. CONTRIBUTED



Mediterranean days turn dark once Tilda Swinton, Dakota Johnson, Matthias Schoenaerts and Ralph Fiennes get together in **A Bigger Splash**. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Splashing into a lusty, lurid romp

INTERVIEW

'It's great to do peculiar,' says film's director Guadagnino

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



"I like to do peculiar," says *A Bigger Splash* director Luca Guadagnino. "It's great to do peculiar."

The Italian filmmaker is talking about his relationship with Tilda Swinton, star of four of his feature films. In their latest collaboration she plays a rock star recuperating from throat surgery with her boyfriend Paul (Matthias Schoenaerts) on a remote island halfway between Sicily and Tunisia. Their tranquil time, however, is shattered by the arrival of Harry (Ralph Fiennes) her former record producer and lover and his Lolita-esque daughter Penelope (Dakota Johnson). Soon into the visit the sunny Mediterranean days take a dark turn as their shared histories bring up some ghosts from the past.

In the new film Guadagnino throws a peculiar twist Swinton's way by making her character largely mute, forcing her to rely solely on her face and

eyes to complete the character. "We are very dear friends," he says of Swinton. "We love one another completely. The pleasure of one another's company is so strong, so unstoppable. Also Tilda is such a courageous performer. That combination makes everyday an adventure, new and funny and tough and great. Also, I think what we do together is very peculiar."

Swinton is spectacular but *A Bigger Splash* is worth the price of admission just to see Ralph Fiennes, Lord Voldemort himself, strut his stuff to disco era Rolling Stones.

"I am a big fan of Ralph Fiennes," says Guadagnino. "I saw him in the trailer for the *Grand Budapest Hotel* and I found this kind of levity that made me think he'd be perfect for Harry."

In one long scene Fiennes unleashes some of the wildest dance moves since Elaine Benes in what must be his loosest on-screen performance ever.

"Everything started with the brilliant script by David Kajganich and the description of how this man loses himself to the dance," says the direc-

tor. "Starting from there Ralph proposed to me to work with a choreographer from London. We met her and decided it was good for her to let Ralph find something wild within him. Let him be loose with his own body and have confidence with his own movements. I described the world the choreographer and Ralph went into as psycho-analytical choreography. It was about unleashing and having the confidence to unleash. It wasn't choreography that was staged gesture by gesture. It was about creating that flow."

A Bigger Splash is a romp — a lusty and lurid thriller with worldly people, drugs, drinking and some startling nudity.

The film's nakedness, Guadagnino says, "is about being truthful to the story you are telling and the characters you are depicting. We are talking about four people on an island entangled in the web of desire. What would they wear in a place like that?"

Next time around, however, don't expect as much skin. "I can't wait to make a Victorian movie with people dressed all the way up to their necks," he laughs.

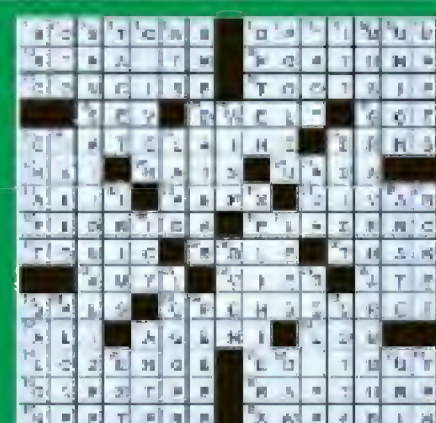
"I'm a big fan of Ralph Fiennes. I have been loving him since I saw him in *Schindler's List*.

Director Luca Guadagnino, on his leading man

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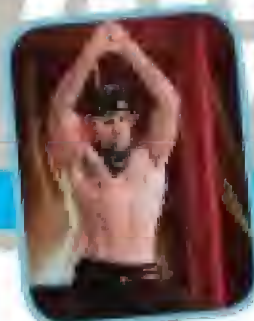
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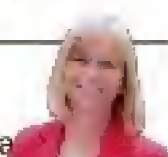


You had me at 'no mosquitoes'

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Food, farms and forests await in B.C.'s Qualicum

Kathy Buckworth
For Metro Canada



"Relax, it's Qualicum!" I heard this many times during my visit to this small Vancouver Island community, whose population of 8,900 swells to 16,000 in the summer.

They boast the dubious honour of having the highest median age of any city in Canada. But if you think that means this is a sleepy tea-room filled community, think again.

"If you're bored in Qualicum Beach it's your own fault," one of the residents said to me, as I attended one of many concerts held at the Old School House Arts Centre. I would return to the Arts Centre the next day to take a water colour painting class (which confirmed my career as a writer), one of a virtual plethora of programs and exhibits offered on an ever changing basis.

Qualicum life is exemplified at the Courtyard Café. Meryl and Peter Tryon run this community-minded restaurant, and their specialty crepes have both locals and visitors visiting often.

After filling up on a Crepe Benny, I headed to the Farmers Market (Saturdays only) which sees 70 per cent of the market stalls occupied by farmers and local food makers who are required to be there themselves, a "meet your maker" approach



Qualicum Beach offers a number of ways to unwind; from watching the ocean tides from the Qualicum Beach Inn, to exploring the 50-acre Heritage Forest and the Saturday Farmers Market. PHOTOS BY KATHY BUCKWORTH



which is extremely successful. The other booths are filled with local crafters.

It's B.C., so seafood? Of course. The CView Restaurant in the Qualicum Beach Inn has an extensive menu, which is best enjoyed on their cozy fire-pit laden patio.

Take a drive down the highway a bit to Parksville and visit the Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa & Resort, as well known for its spa as it is their changing local cuisine.

While much of the full time population may be in their retirement years, Qualicum Beach and its neighbour Parksville are full of visiting young families and couples from Victoria (just



If you're bored in Qualicum Beach it's your own fault.

Qualicum resident

a two hour drive away), or from the Lower Mainland, via ferry.

Families often opt to stay at the Beach Club Resort & Inn, for its convenient suites, complete with full kitchens and well-traversed boardwalk on the ocean. Kite surfers and kite flyers fill the seascape.

I finished my visit with a hike through the 50-acre Heritage Forest where 200-year-old Douglas Firs rise up to 700 feet in the air.

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No wonder they're relaxed. You had me at no mosquitoes.

TRAVEL NOTES TOP AIRLINE, NEW COASTER AND MT. EVEREST CLIMBERS RETURN

Alaska tops best airlines list

Alaska Airlines and JetBlue Airways still rank highest in the annual J.D. Power survey of passengers on the nine largest North American airlines. J.D. Power said Wednesday that Alaska Airlines ranked highest among traditional airlines for the ninth straight year and JetBlue was the top-rated low-cost carrier for the 11th year in a row. Air Canada ranked fourth, and WestJet finished third among low-cost carriers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Valravn debuts at Cedar Point

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Climbers reach summit

Nine Nepalis reached the top of Mount Everest on Wednesday, the first group of climbers to summit the world's highest mountain in three years after deadly disasters forced a shutdown. The team reached the summit at 5:02pm (1117 GMT) while fixing ropes for foreign climbers, who will try later this week to ascend the mountain, hit by tragedy in 2014 and 2015. Hundreds of climbers abandoned the mountain last year after an earthquake-triggered avalanche killed 18 people at Everest base camp. AFP



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1 Cowboys and rodeos

A mural depicting farm animals and dancing cowboys just off Brighton Boulevard is easy for drivers to miss. Its delicate greens and oranges, on jewel-like tiles on a concrete wall, are almost invisible in the shadow of Interstate 70. From the mural, it's a short walk to the National Western Complex, which hosts rodeos, martial arts tournaments, alpaca exhibits, classic car auctions and concerts throughout the year.



2 Museum

Toward downtown is the Forney Museum of Transportation, a nostalgic stop for its classic inventory. The cavernous hall sitting along railroad tracks displays a nail-polish red 1936 Morgan racer and other vintage cars, motorcycles, bicycles, planes and boats, including a Martin AirCar designed for land, sea and air travel.



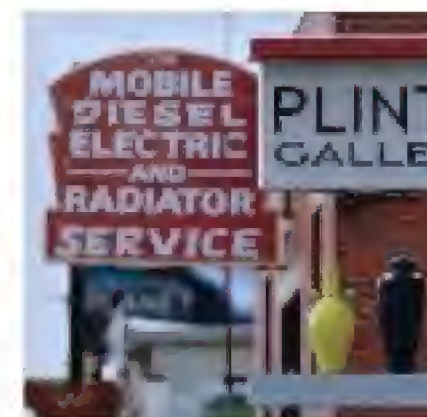
3 Food

The Source, a European-style food market in what was once a brick foundry at 33rd and Brighton, includes eateries like Comida, where winter squash pancakes, bacon jalapeno griddled tacos and a long list of cocktails are on the menu. Three blocks away, the Will Call tavern serves drinks, burgers and empanadas.



4 Arts

The trendy restaurants, tech and public relations tenants are just some of the signs of gentrification to hit this neighbourhood dotted with manufacturers. Also new: entertainment that's not a rodeo. The Denver Center for the Performing Arts has ventured out of its downtown theatre for an immersive, interactive performance project called Sweet and Lucky.



5 Activities

Other indicators of change include recreational marijuana shops and artists moving into warehouses. Galleries and ateliers for dressmakers and artisans working in wood and metal have also popped up. Another warehouse nearby houses Denver's Great Room Escape, an experience where participants pay to enter a room and use clues and riddles to get out.



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Outstanding environmental achievements

Twenty-five years ago, the Emerald Awards held its first event to recognize and celebrate outstanding environmental achievements from large and small businesses, individuals, not-for-profit associations, community groups, youth and governments across Alberta.

Since then, there have been 768 finalists and 280 recipients.

"Every single one of these organizations and individuals has made a significant contribution to Alberta's ability to balance growth and resource development with preserving our environment. That's quite something," says Carmen Boyko, executive director at Alberta Emerald Foundation. "This year, we have 32 finalists, 12 of which will be announced as recipients."

The Emerald Awards is the only award program of its kind in Canada to showcase environmental excellence in all sizes and across all sectors — from community leaders and start-ups to international oil and gas producers.

The Emerald Awards applaud dozens of environmental leaders and showcase projects that demonstrate environmental excellence, setting example for everyone across the province.

By celebrating excellence in environmental leadership, the Emerald Awards and the Alberta Emerald Foundation are raising the public's awareness about and around stewardship.

The 25th Annual Emerald Awards will be presented on June 8, 2016 at Telus Spark in Calgary. Meet three of the nominees.

The stewardship of natural areas

More than 200 people have graduated from the City of Edmonton's Master Naturalist Program in the last seven years and gone on to lend their time to a wide range of environmental programs and projects.

The list of projects includes a seven-year wetland monitoring program; a growing network of solitary bee hotels; the multi-year stewardship of Roper Pond Natural Area; the TUNNEL Project ("Toward an Urban Network of Native Edible Landscaping") and creating the Edmonton Urban BioKit guide to local biodiversity.

"The Master Naturalist Program has established a new way for a city government to work with the community on the stewardship of natural areas," says Grant Pearsell, director, parks and biodiversity in city planning. "We have had interest in the program from as far afield as Singapore and South Africa, suggesting that this is a model that is replicable



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and inspiring."

The Master Naturalists receive 35 hours of training in both the classroom and the field and then they dedicate 35 hours to volunteering their time on work that directly benefits Edmonton's natural areas — through stewardship, monitoring, naturalization and

shared community learning.

"It's brought together previously disparate parties, both within the city and in the wider community, around a shared goal and it's created a warmth and excitement in the community through new connections, shared accomplishment and meaningful work" says Pearsell.

The program aims to get Edmontonians inspired and enthusiastic to help with stewardship of local natural areas and it's created a vibrant hub for people to learn, share expertise, collaborate and build skills to help support of natural area stewardship.

"This nomination gives the City of Edmonton and the Master Naturalist Program's community of volunteers, instructors and mentors the opportunity to celebrate all that has been accomplished to date, and helps us to convey the program's true value," says Pearsell.

Creating the ultimate environmental experience

The students at Aspen Heights Elementary School in Red Deer have been very busy tending worms, growing plants, running a bottle depot and selling used clothing, toys and games at their thrift store, Moose on the Loose.

The school's MicroSociety Program also includes Environmental Stewards in each of the grade 4 classrooms to help with daily care of plants, fish and insects. The school's Indoor Science Classroom, in conjunction with their Worm Wranglers business, emphasizes recycling and education. The Bottle Depot is sponsored by the Alberta Bottle Depot Association. And there are many more projects on the go.

"We have aquaponics kits, battery and ink cartridge recycling, hydroponics kits, we're raising tilapia fish, raising rainbow trout to be released on June 1st in a local pond, insect rearing- ladybugs, praying mantis, butterflies-

but to name a few," says Allan Baile, a Grade 4 teacher at Aspen Heights Elementary and the MicroSociety Program Coordinator.

"Our Outdoor Classroom is an incredibly important project for our students and Environmental Club, as we plant a huge garden and harvest the produce in the fall."

The students also helped build a greenhouse out of 1,600 2-litre pop bottles, take care of an indoor garden, compost bins (red wiggler worms) and a craft enterprise using reusable items. The school is nominated for what it calls the Ultimate Science Learning Experience.

"This nomination is verification that the staff and students at Aspen Heights are exploring, creating and developing projects that are relevant to this issues and concerns most important to Albertans," says Baile.

"Even young students can have a positive



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impact on their environment. By allowing our students to be active participants in our environmental initiatives we have given them a voice and choice to explore the issues today and try to come up with solutions in our ever-changing world."



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MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

Through 'community service learning'—combining instruction in the classroom with students having meaningful engagement in the community—the University of Alberta's Augustana campus in Camrose is creating significant environmental achievements both on campus and throughout the community.

Of the more than 2,600 community service learning placements students have completed in the last nine years, 36 per cent had an environmental focus. These students supported 67 local agencies and non-profit organizations.

"Since 2007, the 948 environmentally-focused placements have produced over 19,000 hours of volunteer time on sustainability projects in community-based organizations," says Shara Harke, the Community Service Learning team lead. "As a result, many Augustana students develop a passion for involvement in community organizations and life-long engagement with environmental sustainability."

Each placement commits 20-50 hours of volunteer work toward an environmental project such as research, education, advocacy or policy development in areas including wildlife conservation, water consumption, air pollu-

tion, energy conservation, waste reduction, vegetation management, sustainable food production, and environmental awareness.

"We are proud of the dedication of our students, the commitment of our community partners, and the tangible outcomes the projects have in our local community and surrounding areas," Harke says. For example, over five years, the Camrose Public Library's Environmental Education program has engaged 41 community service learning students in leading interactive, educational and environmental activities to over 400 children. After completing their placements, 68 per cent of the Augustana students reported they were inspired to continue volunteering in the community.

"This nomination is an affirmation of positive steps taken so far and a rededication of efforts to connect students and the community in the areas of sustainability and it will raise the profile of community service-learning and increase awareness of the program" Harke says. "The Emerald Awards drive innovation by encouraging nominees, finalists, and winners to reflect on their efforts, try out new ideas, and reward success."



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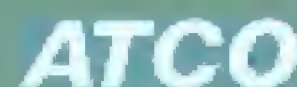
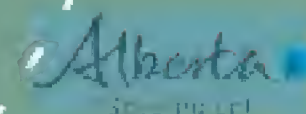
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Revamped Pens put to task against Bolts

NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning swept 3-game season series

On the calendar, the gap between the last time the Pittsburgh Penguins and Tampa Bay Lightning met and Friday night's Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final is less than three months.

Within the lifespan of a season, it seems a lot longer.

When the Lightning blew past the Penguins 4-2 on Feb. 20 — a victory that earned Tampa Bay a sweep of its three-game season series with Pittsburgh — Steven Stamkos was still scoring goals, Matt Murray was still the Penguins' third option in net and the Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan's midseason overhaul remained very much a work in progress.

Not anymore. Stamkos remains out indefinitely while dealing with a blood clot, and Murray has become a revelation in near lockstep with the Penguins' evolution from enigmatic underachiever to Stanley Cup favourite. No wonder the Penguins couldn't help but laugh when asked if they could remember what happened on that sloppy Saturday in mid-winter when the Lightning built a quick three-goal lead and cruised.

"I couldn't even tell you," Pittsburgh forward Phil Kessel said. "I don't even remember when we played them last."



The Lightning's Ondrej Palat scores past Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury on Feb. 5 in Tampa, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Probably best to just block it out and press forward anyway at a time of year where short-term memory loss is an asset.

The Penguins wrapped up a 12-day highwire act against rival Washington on Tuesday night when Nick Bonino fired home the winner in overtime of Game 6. The cathartic celebration sent Pittsburgh to the conference final for the fourth time since 2008. Less than 72 hours later, they face the only team that's been more dominant in the post-season.

The Lightning raced through the first two rounds of the play-

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Tampa Bay has won each of its five one-goal contests in the playoffs — a sign its long post-season run a year ago wasn't just puck luck.

offs, dropping one game each to Detroit and the New York Islanders. Remarkable, considering they've been without Stamkos and defenceman Anton Stral-

man, still recovering from a fractured left leg.

Stamkos is practising but the five-time all-star hasn't been cleared for contact. Stralman appears to be on the verge of returning, though coach Jon Cooper is in no hurry to announce his lineup, saying Thursday "it's just pointless to talk about whether they're going to play or not."

Shortly after fizzling against the Lightning in February, the Penguins put together a 14-2 surge to end the regular season they have carried into May.

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Blues' Brouwer continues Game 7 success

The St. Louis Blues said goodbye to fan favourite T.J. Oshie last summer and hello to a proven post-season commodity in Troy Brouwer, who has the remarkable distinction of playing in eight consecutive playoff series that ended in Game 7s.

His calm, seasoned perspective is a major reason the Blues are in the Western Conference final for the first time since 2001 — and he stepped it up in both Game 7s for the Blues this spring, too.

Brouwer got the deciding goal in the deciding game against the



Troy Brouwer GETTY IMAGES

defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks and had a goal and two assists in Wednesday's 6-1 blowout at Dallas. Brouwer's line was an overall standout with Paul Stastny and Robby Fabbri also having

three-point nights.

"We've got a lot of chemistry lately," said Brouwer, who has five goals and five assists in the playoffs. "We love playing with each other."

The Blues have annually been one of the top regular-season teams in the NHL. But before this spring they'd been eliminated in the first round three consecutive years.

The 30-year-old Brouwer has been a difference-maker for a long-suffering core including star Vladimir Tarasenko, David Backes, Alexander Steen, Patrik

Berglund and defenceman Alex Pietrangelo. Before the clincher against the Blackhawks, the rest of the roster had played in a grand total of six Game 7s.

The Blues won three games on the road against Dallas, compensating for two losses at home. Now, they'll have home ice advantage for the rest of the post-season.

"We're putting ourselves in a good situation to continue going forward," said Brouwer, who then cautioned: "We're only halfway there."

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GOLF

Day's 63 ties course record at Sawgrass

One birdie led to two more before Jason Day even hit his stride, and his round kept getting better until the world's No. 1 player was in the record book and in the lead Thursday at The Players Championship.

He putted for birdie on every hole. His longest putt for par was 30 inches.

Day was as flawless as the morning conditions — summer heat, surprising calm. When he blasted out of a tiny bunker within inches of the cup on his final hole, he had a 9-under 63, a two-shot lead and a fresh memory of the TPC Sawgrass.

His most recent round was an 81 last year to miss the cut. This one tied the course record.

"It just kept on building and building, this round, just one

after another," Day said. "It just got better and better."

His opening day improved even more after he finished. The Stadium Course was so vulnerable, mainly because of receptive greens and no wind, that 29 players from the morning group shot in the 60s. A strong breeze finally arrived after Day was done, making it difficult for anyone to catch him.

"I don't know what the guys were doing out there this morning, but I don't think we saw the same golf course this afternoon," Rory McIlroy said after a 72. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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+ TIED FOR 2ND

Shane Lowry became the first player to shoot 29 on the back nine. He was in a group of five golfers at 65 rounded out by Justin Rose, Bill Haas, Cameron Tringale and Brendan Steele.

WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hall scores twice in Canada's latest win

Taylor Hall scored twice as Canada survived a second-period scare and defeated Germany 5-2 Thursday at the world hockey championship.

The Germans scored twice in the second to tie the game 2-2, forcing Canada coach Bill Peters to juggle his lines.

Canada responded quickly as Hall scored his second of the game, and team-leading fifth of the tournament, at the 3:54 mark of the third period on a

Preliminary round

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pass from Connor McDavid.

Canada moved into a tie with Finland for first place in Group B. Both teams have 12 points from four regulation wins.

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IN BRIEF

French prosecutors probe \$2M tied to 2020 Olympics

French prosecutors said Thursday that \$2 million US tied to Tokyo's winning bid for the 2020 Olympics was apparently paid to an account linked to the son of the disgraced former IAAF president in the months immediately before and after the Japanese capital won the games.

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Kenya not compliant with drug-testing: Officials

World Anti-Doping Agency officials declared Kenya's drug-fighting agency out of compliance Thursday, a move that places the track powerhouse's participation in this summer's Olympics in jeopardy. The move comes less than a month after the country's president signed legislation that criminalizes doping. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DeRozan delivers with strings attached

RAPTORS GAME 6 PREVIEW

Mystery thumb treatment helps guard turn game around

The red shoestring Raptors director of sports science Alex McKechnie spun around DeMar DeRozan's injured thumb in Game 5 was a popular topic of conversation around the team on Thursday.

"It was interesting. It was an excellent method, I guess, from Alex McKechnie," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said.

Whatever he did, it worked. Despite re-aggravating the thumb injury in the fourth quarter, DeRozan came back with 4:17 left and made all eight of his free throws and a jumper to keep the Raptors in front. DeRozan finished the night with 34 points and went 11-for-11 at the line.

"I'd never seen it before. Whatever works, whatever means necessary," Casey said of the lace around the thumb. "Alex is one of the best. That's why he's one of the best in the business, with his methods. I had never seen that before."

As for the digit, Casey said there was no news on DeRozan's thumb as of Thursday afternoon.

"I don't know if it's better or



Alex McKechnie works on DeMar DeRozan on Wednesday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

worse. We didn't talk about it," Casey said when he was asked about DeRozan's status on Thursday. "He doesn't talk about it. He's ready to go."

With DeRozan and Kyle Lowry struggling with shooting throughout the playoffs, Casey said having DeRozan see his shot drop — he was 11 of 22 in Game 5 — could make a difference going back to Miami.

"It helps tremendously," he said. "Even Kyle seeing the ball go through the hoop, it helps him tremendously."

Lowry was 9-for-25 and 4-for-9

+ GAME 6

Raptors at Heat, 6 p.m.

With a win Friday night, the Raptors will be into uncharted Eastern Conference-final territory where LeBron James and the Cavaliers await.

from three-point range.

"We never lost faith in those guys," Casey continued. "It's almost like a baseball player seeing the ball hit the bat a couple of

times. You're right back in the groove and that's the mentality they should have shooting the basketball, any time they touch it.

"That's not the only thing they have to do to help us win. They have to defend, they have to move the ball they've got to screen, they've got to run the floor. There are other things they can do, even if the shots aren't falling."

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If it ain't broke, with me, I'm ready to play.

DeMarre Carroll says his sore left wrist won't keep him out of Game 6

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They're built to push you and stress you and put you in uncomfortable situations. And that's what this series is doing right now.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra

MIKE EHRLMANN/GETTY IMAGES



I was just excited with the action. Then after the dunk, it came out of nowhere.

Bismack Biyombo on Wednesday night's Usain Bolt celebration after an epic dunk-block-dunk sequence

RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



NBA PLAYOFFS THUNDER STAMPEDE SPURS EARLY Thunder centre Steven Adams grabs a rebound in front of the Spurs' LaMarcus Aldridge during Game 6 of their second-round series on Thursday night in Oklahoma City. The Thunder built a 91-65 lead going into the fourth quarter with a chance to set up a matchup with the Warriors in the Western Conference final. Go to metronews.ca for the result. NATHANIEL S. BUTLER/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

MLB

No longer automatic outs

The New York Mets already had one of the game's most celebrated starting rotations, and now their pitchers are outdoing each other in an entirely unexpected manner.

With their bats, not their arms.

Last weekend, Bartolo Colon hit the first homer of his career at age 42 in San Diego. It was a moment that seemed hard to top, but Noah Syndergaard did his best when he went deep twice in Los Angeles against the Dodgers on Wednesday night. This wacky stretch of unlikely slugging is a reminder that as overmatched as pitchers are at the plate, they are capable of making solid contact on occasion.

"We definitely take pride in it," San Diego right-hander Colin Rea said. "We compete against each other as a staff. We spend more time on it when



Noah Syndergaard

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we are at home just because we have more time and we can take BP on the field. Usually on the road we don't do too much."

National League pitchers combined for 23 homers last year, with Madison Bumgarner of San Francisco setting the pace with five. Bumgarner actually posted a .743 OPS last season in 77 at-bats, an unusually respectable mark for a pitcher.

"We've seen it with Bumgarner, where they win their own game," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's pretty cool to see, like the old Little League days, when the star guy was pitching and did all the hitting."

Bumgarner is 2-for-20 to start this season, but one of his hits was a homer. Jake Arrieta and Adam Wainwright have also gone deep in 2016.

So has Kenta Maeda, the Los Angeles right-hander who gave up the two homers by Syndergaard.

"It was a dream," Syndergaard said. "It wasn't real."

Syndergaard is hitting .200 for his young career, and he now has three home runs to his credit. So he's not an automatic out, and at six-foot-six, 240 pounds, he can drive the ball when he makes contact.

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IN BRIEF

Yankees pile on Royals

Chase Headley, Starlin Castro and Didi Gregorius hit early home runs and the New York Yankees beat Kansas City 7-3 Thursday night, sending the World Series champion Royals to their 12th loss in 16 games.

Kansas City dropped three of four at Yankee Stadium. Before the game, manager Ned Yost insisted he wasn't worried about his team, saying "it's a group that doesn't panic."

Price pounces on Astros

David Price struck out 12, Mookie Betts had a three-run homer and Xander Bogaerts had a two-run shot to help the Boston Red Sox beat the Houston Astros 11-1 on Thursday for their season-high fifth straight win.

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RECIPE Salmon with Peach Cucumber Salsa



PHOTO: MAYA VIVIANE

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The fresh and fiery salsa on this delicately seasoned salmon serves up easy alongside a simple salad and big glass of thank Goodness it's Friday.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

- Ingredients**
- 4 or 5 filets of salmon with skin
 - 2 cups of peeled, pitted and diced peaches (I used 3 peaches)
 - 1 cup unpeeled, diced cucumber
 - 3/4 cup diced red pepper
 - 1/4 cup washed, finely chopped cilantro
 - 4 Tbsp lime juice
 - 1 tsp of chipotle chilies, minced

Directions
1. Mix all the ingredients for the salsa except the chilies. Separate

the amount that you think you'll give little kids or those with zero tolerance for heat. Then add your chiles to the remaining mixture and stir. Taste and check seasoning. Cover and place in the fridge while you fire up the grill.

2. Wash and pat dry the salmon. Season the fish with salt and pepper and a slick of olive oil on both sides. Place the fish on the grill, skin side down. Now, don't touch that fish. The heat from the grill will sear the fish and allow it to come away from the grill. Leave for 4 to 5 minutes, depending on the size of your filets.

3. Use a thin spatula to flip the fish. Allow to cook for another 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from grill and use a fork to break into the middle to see if fish is opaque. Serve with a heaping spoon of salsa.

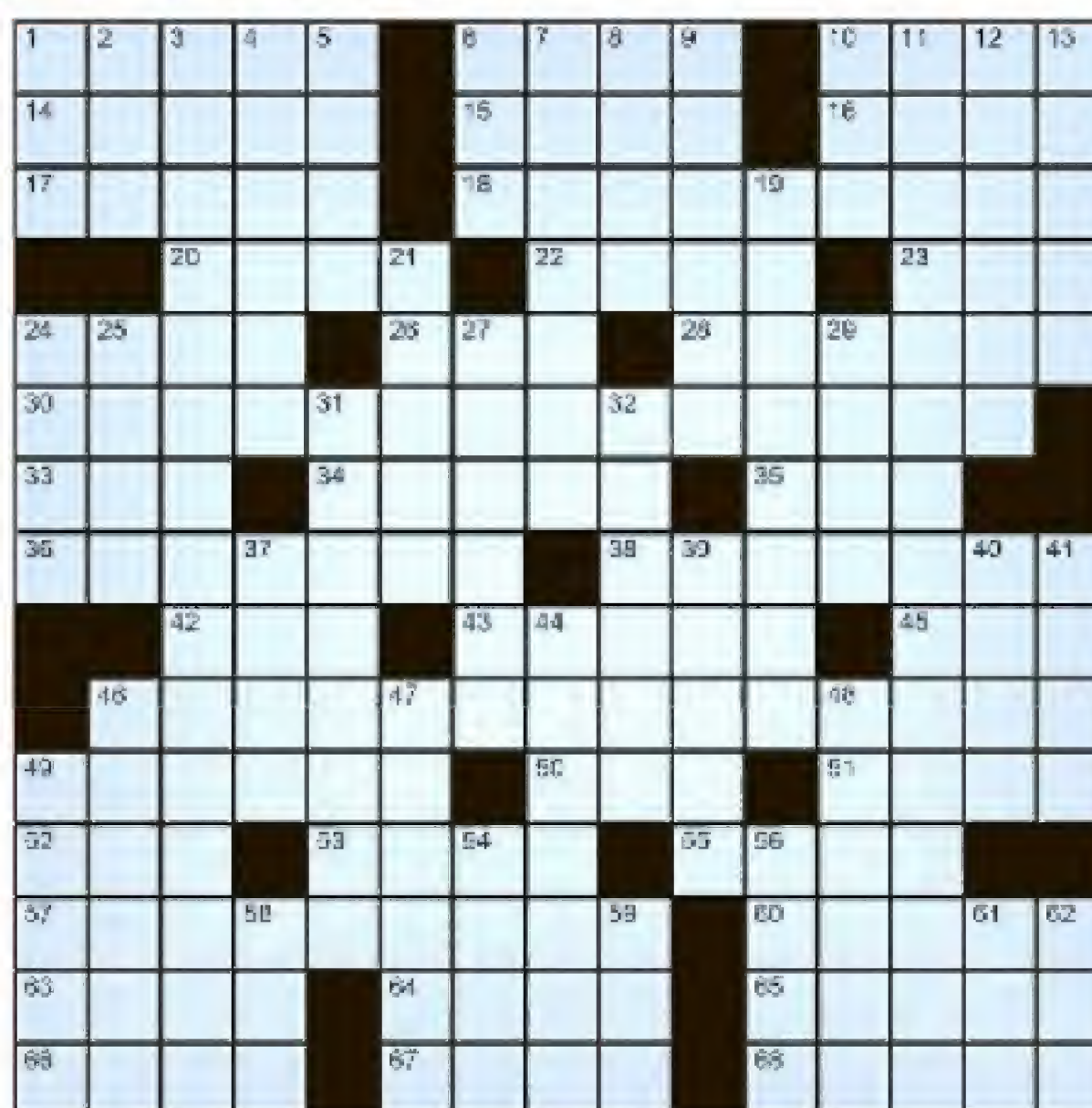
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- Halifax-based energy company
- CH-149 __ (RCAF search & rescue helicopter); or, Large fish-loving seabird
- Laughing sounds
- Pantene __ (Shampoo)
- NBC show since '75
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- Fella
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- Unit of pressure
- Village on BC's Sunshine Coast
- __ Lingus (Ireland's flyer)

- Nova Scotia... Unique flower that grows in the bogs of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park; 3 wds.
- '60s songstress Ms. Spector
- Basket fibre
- Capsize
- __ __ extra plate (Accommodate the supper guest)
- 'Horton Hears __ __' (2008)
- Volcanic crater
- Gently
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- Plentiful
- Fleetwood Mac hit in 1982; 2 wds.
- 'Jump __ __' (Get going!)
- Friends to 'and sometimes Y'
- Idiot's locale
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- __ spray (Decongestant)
- Deity of ancient Thebes
- __ few moments (Rested briefly)
- Dates to follow BCs
- Train co.
- Compass point
- Racket

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a tricky day because you have great moneymaking ideas, but you should wait until tomorrow to act. Today's overconfidence might trip you up.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are persuasive today. Naturally, you can use this advantage to go after what you want. However, what you want might be different by tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You want to seek out answers today. You also have patience and motivation to find what you're looking for. In fact, you feel like a sleuth.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Discussions with artistic, creative people will please you today. You might admire what they can do. (Don't spend money on anything other than food or gas today.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a tricky day. The Moon is in your sign, but it's a bit wobbly. This means that what you initiate might not fulfill your objective. Easy does it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a loosey-goosey day. Nevertheless, you will love to kick around ideas about travel to distant lands or doing something 'different.' Just dream; do not act today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Resist the urge to make important decisions about inheritances and shared property today, because this is a poor day to do so. Ironically, people are in agreement. Go figure.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a lovely day to hang out with partners and close friends, and just schmooze. Take a long lunch. Enjoy the company of others.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Although it's easy to get along with co-workers today, your efficiency might suffer because you don't feel like working. Warning: Don't initiate anything new.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a wonderful, creative day! People who work in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry will be full of clever, original ideas.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, because the Moon is opposite your sign. Nevertheless, don't agree to anything important. Just coast.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Resist the urge to initiate or suggest new ideas at work today, because it's a poor day to do this. However, you can research and get further information about what you hope to do.

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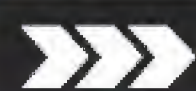
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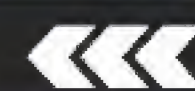
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